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Magna looks to city council for assurance

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Representatives of a proposed racetrack in the City of Romulus said Monday night that they want more assurances from the city council.

Lorne Kumer, vice-president of real estate for Magna Entertainment Corp., asked Romulus City Council members for a resolution ensuring their support of the proposed racetrack. Several members said they personally voted for the issue when it went before the public last month, but they didn't care for the way Kumer approached the council at the meeting.

During the discussion section of the meeting, Kumer distributed the resolution to council members, which is highly unusual procedure, according to officials.

Kumer then discussed what he described as the history of the dealings between MEC and the city.

"This resolution is short, simple, clear and just reiterating the facts as I know them," said Kumer. "It also clearly states

that this resolution is still subject to obtaining all the necessary approvals from the City of Romulus."

He reminded council members that Magna has gone through the proper channels to receive approval for the project.

"We have had a formal application before the city for well over a year now. We have spent, to date, well over \$1 million dollars on planning, studies and drawings and we have purchased the property at the northeast corner of Vining and Wick for more than \$28 million. Anyone who suggests that our company is not committed to developing this project simply does not know the facts," he said.

He then went on to remind council members of their promise to follow the people of Romulus.

"I have sat here on a number of occasions during council meetings where it was stated that council would follow the will of the people. Well, today I am simply asking for the city council to stand by their words and formally support the Magna Entertainment Corp. development," Kumer said.

However, some members of council were not happy with the way Kumer brought the resolution before council at the last minute.

"I was involved in and actually felt that the language of 'yes' meant 'yes' and 'no' meant 'no' and I stand by that same commitment. I probably wouldn't have had a problem voting on this resolution if it had been presented to me through my packet, if the legal department of the city had an opportunity to look it over," said Councilman William Crova. "I do not like the business of bringing a resolution in front of me with no chance of an opportunity to study it asking me to vote on it. I am uncomfortable voting on this resolution this evening, but I do support your project."

Kumer said he wanted to bring the resolution before council because he heard from several people that another developer might be trying to develop a horseracing track within the city.

"These rumors, which I have again not been able to confirm, deeply trouble me. With everything we have been through and our never-ending commitment to Romulus

since this began over a year ago," said Kumer.

He also stated that this resolution is company- and site-specific for a reason.

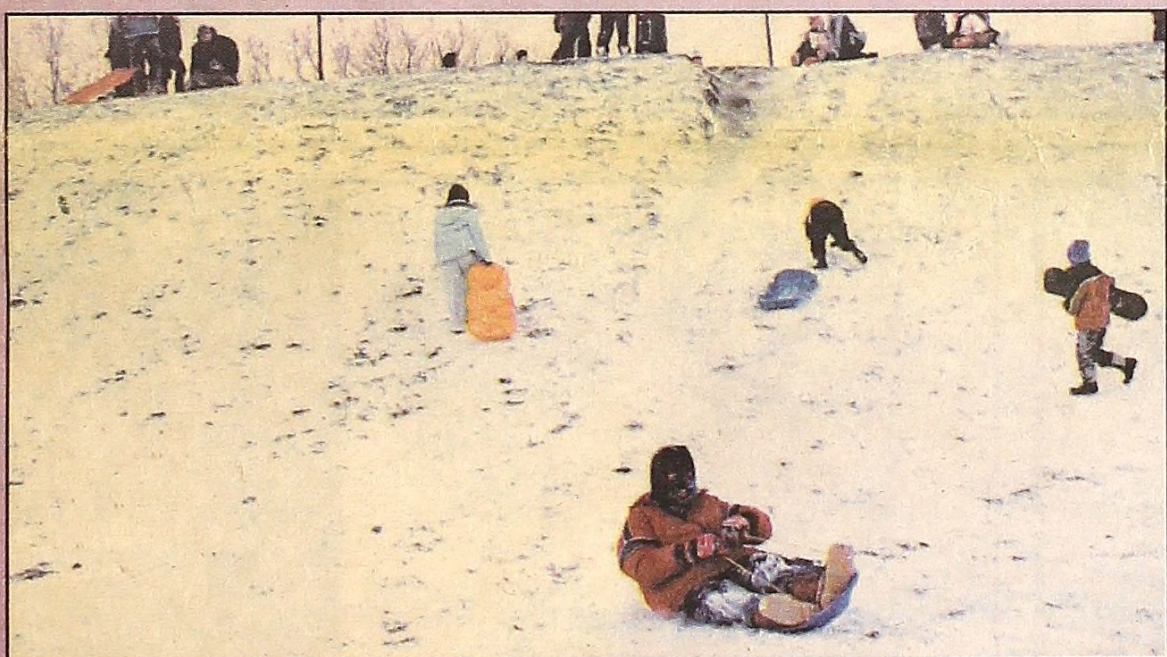
"A generic resolution is of no help to us. Both MEC and the office of the Racing Commissioner need this resolution to confirm council's commitment to our project."

In order to receive a license from the state racing board, MEC would need to present this approved resolution.

Councilman Charles Miller, who was fully in support of the resolution, said the city should just approve the resolution and get things moving.

"We've been now over a year trying to deal with this. I have talked to many residents that are anxious that they will not see this project fulfilled," said Miller.

At the request of Crova, Councilman Leroy Burcroff and Councilman William Wadsworth and the city attorney will review the resolution during the next week. Councilman Mike Prybyla then made a motion that the resolution be tabled and brought back in front of council at the Jan. 12 meeting.



Snow day

A winter storm projected to blanket southeastern Michigan with as much as 12 inches of snow didn't quite meet expectations Sunday. Communities throughout metro Detroit only received about 3 inches of the white stuff, but that was enough to keep youths happy at any number of sled hills.

Witnesses help police seeking murder suspect

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus police were nearly able to close off 2003 with only one reported homicide. That changed with only hours left in 2003, according to police officials.

At approximately 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2003, Michael McClendon, a 29-year old resident of Detroit, became the second victim of homicide when he was shot and killed in the parking lot at Sky Harbor Townhouses on Pondway Street.

According to police, McClendon and a friend were having a conversation inside a parked vehicle when a man approached the car and attempted to rob them. A short struggle ensued between the gunman and McClendon that ended with the suspect pulling McClendon from the vehicle and throwing him to the ground. The suspect then shot McClendon three times, police said.

"There were four witnesses to the shooting," said Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police



Department. "After shooting him, the suspect then calmly walked away from the scene."

Police said McClendon was able to pull himself back up and

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Building moratorium allows preservation of rural area

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members took steps Monday night to preserve one of the last rural neighborhoods in the city.

An impending development to be located south of Wabash, west of the CSZ railroad, east of Hannan Road and north of Pennsylvania Road, prompted council members to enact a six-month moratorium on residency development Dec. 8. The moratorium was designed to give council members time to analyze current zoning standards and to address their ability to protect the rural character and large tract size of low residential density lands within the neighborhood.

Current zoning would allow a home to be constructed every 60 feet. The residents living nearby asked to rezone for 1-acre parcels of land. More than 100 residents signed a petition, which was presented to council members on Dec. 8.

Romulus City Planner Cynthia Lyons and Planning Consultant Brad Strader of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc and Associates (LSL), asked council members what they wanted the character of this particular rural section of Romulus to be.

"I think traditionally, basically what we have been able to gather is that the large plot traditional subdivision with the 50 to

60-foot lots has basically died," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak. "The new development in that area that we are talking about is half acre to acre plus sites and I think that is what is so unique about that area. It is probably one of the truly undisturbed areas of our community. There is a lot of nice, natural features. They like that atmosphere. I don't think the residents in that area want to see a 300 home developer come in there on 60-foot lots."

Councilman William Wadsworth, a 35-year resident of this section of Romulus added, "This is probably the only true part of our town that is still truly single family homes. A lot of the folks that there, their biggest concern is nothing is built that is less than is there right now. People have fears in that part of town that there are going to be townhouses built there or trailer parks built there. We have to find a happy medium and address the concerns of the residents who live there."

Other council members agreed with the comments made by both Romak and Wadsworth, promoting the idea that this section of Romulus remain rural.

Wadsworth isn't the only official that lives nearby. Mayor Alan Lambert lives in the area, and said he doesn't want to see a repeat of what happened near his home.

"Every house on my street has

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Cause of woman's death remains unknown

Sharon Emeigh
Staff Writer

Canton Police said they still do not know what caused the death of Sandra Dee Spriggs (aka Sandra Dee Eller) found dead in Canton Township last week.

The body of the 35-year old transient was found about 10-15 feet off the bike path south of Michigan Avenue along I-275. Police are calling the death suspicious, according to Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson.

An autopsy performed Dec. 30 determined that there was no trauma to the body, but the cause of the death has not been determined, he said.

"We know how she wasn't killed," Wilson said.

The medical examiner is waiting for results from the toxicology examination, which will reveal if there were any poisonous substances in Spriggs' body. But the results could take anywhere from two weeks to two months, he said. Toxicology testing is performed by the Wayne County coroner's office and the Canton Police Department has to wait in line, although they did request expediency, Wilson said.

Police have been unable able to discover much about Spriggs' personal life, Wilson said. They do know that she had an ex-husband in Tennessee and an adopted mother living downriver whom she

had not seen in more than 15 years. She was also the mother of five children. They could find no permanent address for the deceased woman.

"We found a piece of paper at the scene with a phone number on it," Wilson said. "From that we were able to track down an individual that knew her."

Through subsequent phone calls, police found her mother and ex-husband. Her identity was determined by a tattoo on her body that had the full name of her ex-husband on it.

Investigators have been able to pinpoint her whereabouts up until Christmas Eve.

She visited her ex-husband in Tennessee three days prior to Christmas. On Dec. 23 she visited a friend in Detroit and then was driven to Canton to spend the night with another acquaintance. On the morning of Dec. 24, her friend dropped her off at the Marathon gas station on the corner of Haggerty Road and Michigan Avenue. Five days later, her body was found.

While the cause of her death has yet to be determined, police found that she was incarcerated in Kent County last spring for solicitation of prostitution, according to Wilson.

"We still consider and are investigating this as a suspicious death," Wilson said.



Music makers

Third grade students played their soma flutes at the Merriman Elementary School Christmas Concert. Musicians, from left to right in the first row, are, Jennette Gula, Savannah Henry, Dejanay Walker, Sierra Straughter and Andre Brown. In the second row, from left to right, are Amonte Clayton, Jason Card-Westley, Aarimicia Hightower, Jordan Gengeski, Kyle Stevens and Courtney Thompson. Below, Halecreek Elementary students prepared for their Christmas Band Concert. They joined with young musicians from Merriman Elementary School. From left to right are Jim Byrum, Shelby Hardrick, Jessica Morgan, Jazmyn Jones, Corey Ameth-Butscher, Ryan McLachan and Desiree Watt.



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Romulus police enhance rapid response resources

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Tornados. Snow Storms. Black Outs.

When these emergencies occur, many residents discover that they do not know the correct steps to take to ensure their safety.

Go to the basement? Stay off the roads? What supplies should be ready?

These are the types of questions Romulus officials are trying to help residents answer during the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Public Workshop at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Romulus City Hall.

"We want to work with residents to make sure that they are

safe during emergencies," said Margaret Leduc, coordinator of emergency management for Romulus. "This workshop allows us to get feedback from the community on potential problems that occurred during emergencies such as the black out from this past summer, so that we will be better able to assist our residents when something does happen."

A hazardous mitigation plan identifies hazardous emergency situations that may happen in the city such as tornados, wind storms or black outs and comes up with solutions that could help decrease the damage to property and ensure the safety of residents.

Romulus received a \$25,000

federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to upgrade the plan and it is important that it gets done, said Leduc.

In the past, after a federal disaster, FEMA would give money to communities involved to upgrade their mitigation plan. However, that rule has now changed, she said.

"Now, if a city does not have a mitigation plan, when there is a federal disaster, that city is no longer eligible to receive funds to upgrade the plan. So this is very important," she said.

The city has been updating the hazardous mitigation plan for the better part of a year, said Leduc.

"Obviously we want to keep the residents of Romulus as safe as they can be during an emergency and the hazardous mitigation plan allows us to do just that," said Leduc.

"We have come up with a number of different things we see as a problem or things that have the potential to create a problem during an emergency," she said.

For example, during the usual summer tornado season there are 10 sirens that alert Romulus residents that there is a tornado warning. However, according to Leduc, not all residents hear it.

All of the lights in the city were out during the blackout last summer, LeDuc said, including street

lights at major intersections. Romulus Emergency Management identified this as a problem for the city and will suggest the purchase of small generators to be used in case of another blackout.

Leduc said the department is encouraging residents of Romulus to get involved in this process.

"We want people to come out to this workshop and let us know about problems they have themselves experienced, or potential problems they see during an emergency," she said. "Maybe they know of a problem we have overlooked or could help us come up with a solution."

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Romulus police were able to obtain a replica of the "Roca" jacket the suspect was wearing according to witnesses the night of the shooting.

Homicide

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into the vehicle. His friend then flagged down patrol officers in the area of Brandt and Eureka. Community E.M.S. then transferred McClendon to Heritage Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

"We have the whole detective bureau working on this case at some point during each day. It is taking priority," said Leacher.

The suspect is described as a light skinned black male, standing 5-feet, 10-inches tall, in his early to mid-20s with a husky build, weighing probably more than 200 pounds. Police said he was clean-shaven with

a very close hair cut. He was last seen wearing a matching blue denim long jacket with the word "Roca" embroidered in orange and brown on the back, pants with a blue denim baseball hat.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Romulus Police Sgt. Dennis Felice at (734) 942-6887.

Growth works improves delinquency in city

Troubled youths have found help in the community through Growth Works, according to the Dale Yagiela, executive director of the organization.

Since Growth Works became one of the primary western Wayne Care Management Organizations (WWCMO), the organization has helped the community stay safe as it's dealt with troubled youths Yagiela told members of Romulus City Council members Monday night. Yagiela said that he was there to give city officials an update on the Wayne County juvenile justice program, which includes delinquent youths in Romulus.

Growth Works, in partnership with the Conference of Western Wayne, serves 17 communities. Within those communities, Romulus has the third largest number of juvenile offenders, according to Yagiela.

Growth Works assumed operation of the Wayne County delinquency system in 1999. The system had previously been managed by the State of Michigan under the State Family Independence Agency (FIA).

Yagiela said before Growth Works was involved, there was a high number of escapes from state facilities, many of the Wayne County youths were in state training schools, too many youths were placed residentially with few community-based services and the program was very costly. It was essentially an expensive, ineffective system, he said.

Growth Works assumed control of the program and set a number of goals, said Yagiela. Those

included to keep communities safe, to save kids, provide community-based care, to cut the rate of escalations and escapes and to cut, if not reduce, the rate of growth in spending. All of those goals have been met in just four years, Yagiela said.

Under the new system, a youth convicted of a felony in Family Court (juvenile division) is placed with the county instead of FIA. The youth is then assigned to a care management organization (CMO), such as Growth Works, according to their zip code.

The juvenile then receives a clinical assessment within 15 days and a CMO treatment plan and placement within 30 days.

The CMO is responsible for a number of different aspects of the youth's treatment.

While in the program, a community team monitors the progression of the young offenders. In Romulus, the team is made up of Don Foley of Romulus High School, Joyce Schultz of Romulus Alternative, Romulus Police Ofcs. Tim O'Neil and Michael Jones and Steve Williams of the 34th District Court.

Since the inception of the program 64 Romulus youths have entered, 10 of whom were on probation. Of that 64, only three have re-offended and were convicted of felonies while enrolled in the WWCMO program.

During 2001 and 2002, a total of 22 Romulus youths were released from the program, none of those youths have re-offended with a felony conviction.

'Living Earth' workshop sponsored at library

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Ever wonder about the creatures lurking in the back yard? Or what types of homes they live in?

Topics such as these will be discussed at the "Our Living Earth Exploring Biodiversity" workshops for children ages 6-11, taking place at the Romulus Public Library during the next three months.

The program, which is free of charge and sponsored by the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, is designed to teach children about the diverse world of creatures that surrounds them and the importance of these animals to the ecosystem.

"We want to introduce children to all of the species, globally and locally, that make up the habitats that in turn make up our world," said Kera Berman, director of education at the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History. "We want them to understand what animals live in their own back yard and what those animals mean to the way we live and out environment."

A series of three workshops will take place at the Romulus library, the first of which will take place at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10.

In this workshop, children will learn the meaning of the word diversity. They will discover the diversity of living things in their own backyard and how tricky they can be. They will also learn how to share their space with these animals and how to decipher between different types of traces and tracks left by these animals.

"We want them to observe animals during this workshop," said Berman. "We want them to learn how to recognize different birds and animals. They will even be able to take home a plaster cast of animal tracks."

In the second workshop at 10 a.m. on Feb. 7, children will learn which animals, including humans, depend on their habitats. They will learn about the variety of habitats around the world and at home and take home projects to help make their own backyard more welcoming to native plants and animals.

"They will be constructing their own habitats for the birds in their backyard and learning what it takes to make a rain forest," said Berman.

The final workshop will take place at 10 a.m. on March 6 and deals with biodiversity on the global level. Students will learn the many things they can do here in Michigan to help biodiversity and understand how Michigan is also globally important.

"They will learn about how far away things come from all over the world just for them or their parents to purchase in the local grocery store," said Berman. "It is a great learning experience for kids to truly get the bigger picture of the world they live in."

Registration is required and the class is limited to 30 students.

The program will wrap up with an Exhibit Museum Discovery Day from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 20. Children will be able to meet some live animals from the tropical rain forest and learn more about the state environment on a global scale.

For more information call, (734) 942-7589.

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at least a 1-acre lot, a guy at that the corner sold off some property and they built two little houses on two little teeny pieces of property and it really doesn't fit in," said Lambert. "Everybody has these huge lots and then there are these two little houses just

stuck in the middle and it put everything out of character. It ruined the character of the street," said Lambert.

Council said that it is not that they are obstructing development in this area. They just want it to be something that will fit in, not stick out.

LSL will now format the ideas and suggestions of council members to area residents.

New hope

Bereavement workshops set at center

Cathy Clough, executive director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support, said she wants to help everyone start out the New Year on a positive note – particularly those that have lost loved ones.

Clough said she will soon start up an eight-week workshop series in conjunction with Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville to provide the basic building blocks of grief support. She said the center sponsors two of the eight-week seminars each year.

"We usually have 60-100 people attend, and they come from all over," she said.

Like the other services the New Hope Center provides, the seminars are free, she said. They provide support for the regular outreach programs that New Hope puts on throughout the year.

"We recommend someone go through the workshop and then go on to the regular, on-going support groups," Clough said.

The workshop starts Feb. 9.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a bereavement outreach center that offers support groups throughout the year, she said. Clough founded in four years ago, and it is currently headquartered in Northville.

The two main support groups take place at St. Kenneth's Parish on Haggerty Road,

between Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads. The workshops begin at 7 and end at 8:30 p.m. on the second and forth Tuesday of every month.

Circles of Hope is aimed at young widows and widowers without children, according to Clough. At each session, the larger group breaks out into small 'like circumstance' groups, so that early griever meet with other early griever, and those who are more accustomed to their loss meet with others in their situation. Each group is led by a trained facilitator that has

experienced the death of a spouse, Clough added.

At the same time, New Hope for Kidz provides support for grieving children and teens. Those groups are based on age: 4-6 year olds are in one group, 7-10 year olds, another and 11-14 year olds are in a third. There is also a desire to sponsor a teen-specific group, but that hasn't come together as easily, Clough said.

"We have a tough time getting teens to come," she said. "With their busy schedule and other reasons, they just don't want to come. We'd do it if we had enough, though."

The center also provides groups for adults who have lost grown children, a group that is growing in membership. They

also sponsor the only Michigan-based group for people who lost a relative or loved one on Sept. 11, 2001.

"People come from throughout the state for that," Clough said.

All programs are free, and no pre-registration is required, according to Clough.

"We just want people to know we're here, and we can help," she said.

She also welcomes walk-ins to the office, which is located on Dunlap Street in downtown Northville.

She said she can help anyone determine which group would be most appropriate for them.

She said the center is everything she hoped it would be when she started it, four years ago this month.

"It's been amazing, the people we've been able to help," she said.

"We're adding groups as we can, as the need arises. They really do benefit from this."

For more information, call the office at (248) 348-0115.

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Finance expert offers advice

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

The gift buying has ended, the party invitations are few and far between and the holiday decorations have been put away. All is right with the world.

And then the VISA bill comes.

Many consumers put some or all of their holiday purchases on their credit cards, leaving themselves wide open to start the new year off in debt.

It may seem bleak, but a few quick tips will help holiday spenders get back on their budgets.

"The first thing is to take inventory of your bills," said Randy Penner, chief sales and marketing officer at Community Financial Credit Union in Plymouth. "It's surprising how many people don't have any idea of what their bills are. You need to know what you're paying."

Penner recommended a personal finance computer program such as Quicken to make bill tracking easier if the consumer is comfortable utilizing a computer, but Penner added that it is not necessary. An ordinary pencil and paper will work just as well.

"After you see what your bills are, then pay the highest rate bills first," advised Penner. Many credit cards charge 17 percent or more annually and should proba-

bly head the list of bills to be paid first.

Penner also said that consumers should look for opportunities to consolidate bills to lower rate loans. "Home equity loans typically have lower interest rates and you can receive some tax deductions," he said.

The last piece of the post-Christmas puzzle is to set up a household budget, according to Penner. A good household budget will help in planning and keeping finances on track for the rest of the year, said Penner.

Quicken, the company that offers personal and home business money management computer programs and other financial software such as TurboTax, offered a few other ideas for financial health on the company website:

Consider buying used items instead of new, especially for big-ticket items that depreciate quickly, such as cars.

Check your credit rating once a year and be very protective of your credit cards and Social Security number to guard against credit card and identity theft.

Develop a three-to-six month cash reserve to cover any unforeseen emergencies, such as illness or a sudden loss of a job.

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Novel idea

Former area resident's first science-fiction book in stores soon

Scott Spielman
Editor

Constance Rossman said she put a lot of thought into the setting for her first novel, *Renegade the Hunter*. The science fiction novel will soon see nationwide publicity when it hits the shelves in bookstores like Barnes & Noble, Borders and through internet outlets like Amazon.com. The story follows the life of a man as

he comes of age in a society drastically different from ours. "I was looking for a culture that didn't ruin their planet as they got more and more technology," Rossman said. "I settled on a society of civilized carnivores. They had a smaller population base and they loved the hunt so much that they kept their wilderness areas intact." It's not her first attempt at writing. Rossman, a former Westland resident, wrote feature stories for the Wayne, Westland and Dearborn areas for several publications. She now lives near Ludington.

She characterizes her first book as a strong action-adventure novel with plenty of heart. The main character, Renegade, is a youngster who undergoes training to be a hunter for his people - which means he protects them and catches food for them. His basic quest is to claim the role of esteemed hunter, but there are a lot of obstacles along the way, Rossman said. She said the novel required not only the creation of the main characters, but the worlds they live in, the languages they use and, essentially, how they look and act. She said she decided to give the race feline characteristics. "Mostly it's because I love cats," she said. "But there has already been a lot done with

dogs or wolves." For the languages, she used the basis of some of our own for inspiration - Slavic, Arabic and French - to instill a feeling of multiculturalism. She said the desire to write has always been a strong one that she cultivated throughout her life. "I used to tell my son stories," she said. "He liked action-adventure stories, so I told him a childhood version of this." When it came time to put the story into a more precise form, she said the process was pretty easy. After a few months of research, it only

took her about six months to finish the book. "This came out in a simple form," she said, of the process of writing the first draft with a pen into several spiral notebooks. "I couldn't hang on to the pen. I was just flying along." *Renegade the Hunter* is actually only a third of the work she's committed to paper. She wrote *Renegade's* story as one long novel, but decided to publish it in three parts. "We do go on," she said. "He doesn't get killed, but he comes close. If enough people like the book, other parts of the story will follow."



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Labor of love

Ford Motor display has become tribute to lost family member

Scott Spielman
Editor

The holiday season has ended and work has returned to a regular schedule at the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne.

That means the elaborate electric train set that greets and enthralls visitors during the annual open house at the plant is packed away, in preparation for another year.

"Maybe next year we'll make it a little bigger," said Frank Briggs, a maintenance supervisor at the plant. "It all depends on the spirit of Ford."

Briggs, along with several helpers, is responsible for setting up the annual salute to the holiday season. The 12-foot wide, 32-foot long display greets visitors while workers in the plant are in the midst of their annual contribution drive for the Toys for Tots campaign.

During recent years, though, the display has taken on an even more personal meaning for Briggs and other members of the plant. Briggs has dedicated the display to the memory of his son, Frank Jr., who died suddenly three years ago.

Briggs said he had taken his family to visit relatives in Philadelphia during the holidays. His son had a rare blood pressure condition that went undiagnosed for seven years. It stopped his heart when his son was only 18, the day after Christmas.

"It's still tough," Briggs said. "You fly down to visit your family, but then have to bring him back that way. It's tough."

The train display is one way he keeps the memory of his son alive Briggs said. He and Frank Jr. had collected a variety of trains throughout their lives, starting with simple sets, and getting a piece or two every year. The annual display at the Ford Truck Plant is a culmination of that, with everything from a Buzz Lightyear train set to a tribute to Thomas the Tank Engine. The main train, powered by a 14-pound diesel engine, is something to see — the train requires an 8-foot turning radius and near constant attention.

Briggs said it's had a positive effect on employees at the plant and visitors alike.

"You don't realize how trains can take you back to a simpler time," he said. "I've had so many people tell me that they remember having sets when they were



Frank Briggs

kids."

Briggs said the set can help inspire people to be more charitable during the holidays, too. Last year, workers at the Michigan Truck Plant alone donated more than \$35,000 worth of toys to the annual drive, more than \$10 for each employee.

Briggs, who works midnights at the plant, said he's been inspired to work with other charitable cases, too. When a fellow employee's son was diagnosed with leukemia, he was reminded of his own heart-wrenching experience. Plant workers came together with a donation for the Leukemia Society, and Briggs drove the youngster to the celebration in his Four-Door Model A touring sedan. That was last year, during the Ford Centennial celebration.

He said his annual display is a bit of a bridge-builder, too.

"We try to promote corporate citizenship, which is sometimes forgotten at this time of year," Briggs said. "It's a team effort between myself, the management and the union. It's one time when everything else is set aside."

Most of the train equipment is stored throughout the year at Briggs' home near Blissfield, where he lives with his wife and four children.

He said he does have one small display set up year round and can be found tinkering with it from time to time, despite the Multiple Sclerosis that makes long walks difficult for him.

"It's a lot of fun. I get to stay a kid doing it," Briggs said. "It keeps me from growing up. My wife always says she has five kids."

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OPINION

A lesson well learned

The grand opening of a new restaurant last week in Canton Township would not normally cause any comment or reflection.

But when the O'Sushi Restaurant opened next door to the venerable Johnson's at Ford and Lilley roads, we couldn't help but appreciate the cultural statement.

A new Japanese restaurant with chefs trained in New York, Korea and Japan next to the 23-year-old, all-American township landmark seems to be a snapshot of the community as a whole.

Not long ago, Canton was being accused of a lack of racial and ethnic sensitivity because there was no "official" celebration of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. We admit that at the time we translated "official" into "paid day off for employees" but the township administration handled the situation with tact, diplomacy, skill and obvious results. Rather than the paid day off, employees were sent to workshops dealing with ethnic and diversity issues.

That was certainly time well spent when one looks around the Canton community.

Currently, there are more than 61 restaurants in Canton, many of them featuring ethnic foods prepared by cooks who learned their art in the country their culinary feats represent. And they do not hurt for customers seeking authentic cuisine of their native countries.

Annually, the township "celebrates its people" with a festival featuring ethnic music, art, dancing and, of course, food. And visitors enjoy learning a bit about the traditional cultures of their neighbors who may have roots from anywhere around the globe. Canton has attracted homebuyers and residents from nearly every country in the world.

While the theory of America as a "melting pot" of various cultures was once espoused politically, the new philosophy of treasuring and promoting cultural understanding and tradition is alive and well in Canton Township.

Ethnic diversity is as clearly demonstrated throughout the community as anywhere in the country. We salute every facet of the Canton Township administration which has supported, nurtured, developed and created an atmosphere where a truly divergent community can not only exist, but thrive.

What a difference a year makes

When officials in the City of Wayne get together later this month to establish their yearly goals, they should keep one phrase in mind:

What a difference a year makes.

Last year at this time, they got together for ostensibly the same purposes, but it was a gathering overshadowed by the near certainty of budget cuts in the wake of another reduction in state shared revenue.

That was not a particularly happy time for city officials or employees as they somberly went through departmental budgets, line by line, and looked for things – and sometimes people – they could do without.

During that time the city council got together for a virtually unprecedented mid-year budget slashing session in order to keep the city on track, and operating without a deficit.

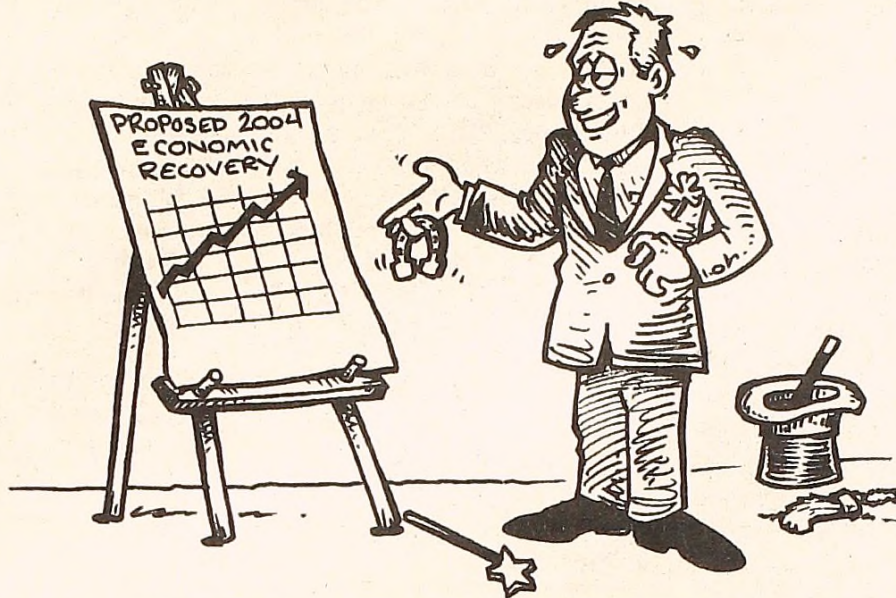
This year, when the city department heads get together to present the council with their wish lists, and the council goes through and determines what is practical and what is not, it will most likely be a happier occasion.

Things are starting to look up for the city, after all. New residential projects are under way in the downtown district, sparking more improvements there. The biggest news of all, though, is the investment of \$410 million into the city by the Ford Motor Co.

That will bring more than \$1 million into the city coffers, although

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Show Canton the love

It's easy to look at Plymouth Township as a "hot town" to live in.

Let's face it. It's filled with nice houses, it's not overly crowded or congested – yet – there's a great school system and it's conveniently located near a wide variety of regional features.

While I don't want to take anything away from the recent listing of Plymouth Township as one of the hottest places to live in the nation, it's still got to irritate officials in nearby communities.

Take Canton Township, for instance.

Canton is a larger; it's a full township where Plymouth and Northville are the result of dividing one township into two. There are more people there, about 80,000 compared to the 28,000 that reside in Plymouth Township, but it would still be eligible for the same type of notoriety as Plymouth.

The population is growing rapidly. Houses are more expensive now than they ever were before – just go west of Beck Road or visit the new Disney-esque Cherry Hill Village for an example.

And look at everything else the township has to offer: the Summit on the Park community center, hundreds of acres of parkland, a leisure services department that encapsulates a wide variety of recreational and cultural activities. This year there will be a regional performing arts theater, too to go along with all of that as well as an arts and culture committee to ensure the continuance of some of the finer pursuits in life. Toss in a plan to develop a bike path that would connect north to Plymouth and Northville, and well, it sounds like a pretty hot town to me.

But Canton is still trying to overcome its image as a sprawling community and promote its own identity. Recently the planning commission was aghast at a development that marketed itself as

being just minutes from Plymouth.

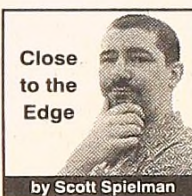
So officials have to wonder: where's the love?

Sure Plymouth Township has all of those things. Sort of. Most of the cultural facilities aren't in the township, though. The museum is in the city, as is the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Plymouth Community Arts Council building (barely), the quaint, restaurant-filled downtown. Take those away and the township has Computware Sports Arena, Plymouth Township Park, a nice municipal golf course, Lake Pointe Soccer Park and a few others. There have been advancements to the parks facilities and improvements, but nothing to match the scale of Canton's – although to be fair, the community is a much-larger one.

Canton has come a long, long way in the time since my family moved there in 1976. I don't like all of it (and on a grouchy day I don't like much of it); I can do without all the congestion, the long lines of cars on Ford Road even during the middle of a Saturday afternoon, but officials can't be blamed because they can't stop development, only control it.

And then there's Northville Township. On a scale with Plymouth Township as it relates to overall size, cost of homes and the school district, Northville Township has arguably the most recreational facilities around. The tax rates are a bit higher, but some of that is self-imposed like the millage to secure parkland and develop parks.

Officials in Northville and Canton are probably just as confident that their communities are as vibrant, livable and 'hot' as Plymouth Township. The evidence is certainly out there – after all, the hundreds of new residents annually certainly think so.



Close
to the
Edge

by Scott Spielman

Perseverance pays big rewards

There's a framed magazine page on the wall in my office. It's an advertise...ah, hold on, it's not an advertisement. It's the first page of an article out of a home magazine. I had to look, because I never read the article, I ripped the page and framed it because the headline caught my immediate attention. It reads "PERSEVERANCE PAYS."

Years ago, when I was just starting perhaps the most major challenge of my life, I saw that and clipped it. Now, years after successfully completing that challenge, not a week goes by, that I don't look at it and smile. This morning it reminds me of my daughter, Anastasia.

Just as Annie was starting her senior year of high school, we moved. It didn't sit well with her, a sometimes emotional, strong willed and passionate person. She managed—barely—to make it through her senior year, struggling with all of the emotional charged issues of a 17-year-old female in a new surroundings. She was also wrestling with scars from her parents divorce, even though that occurred 10

years before. As with so many of us, the demons of abandonment played heavy on her, and questions of what she would do in life, scared her like a dozen demons dancing.

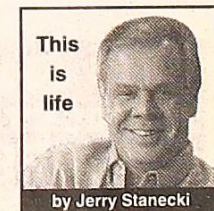
"Dad," she said one day, "I'm going out to find the woman I want to become."

She moved to Fort Lauderdale and my only thought was, couldn't you have picked a place a little less hedonistic?

Off she went, my little girl, and, surprisingly, I was relatively relaxed about her adventure...for about a day.

Annie enrolled in community college and found a waitress job. She complained, more than once about how crazy it was, how rude people were, and how exhausting her 10-plus hour shifts were. But, my daughter persevered.

She made friends, good friends. They laughed



This
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by Jerry Stanecki

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the bulk of it won't be realized until the next fiscal year.

It's not exactly a windfall, but it means that city officials will be able to make some positive plans, not cuts.

What a difference a year makes.

It's true that now is the time of year that cities typically start putting their goals down on paper, trying to translate their needs into specific budget requests and then pitching their worth to their superiors. In reality, though, the planning never really stops. They always have an eye open or an ear poised to catch some new idea that will streamline their jobs and provide better services to the residents - or at least the good ones do.

The danger here, after such an austere year, is the temptation to

spend the money rashly. There will certainly be a long line of departments that want a larger piece of the pie as soon as it becomes available. And they may all have legitimate claims.

It's important for officials to realize that the bigger the government is, the more that may have to be cut when things turn down, again. It's a lesson learned painfully last year, when many of the advances made to the quality of life issues, like the parks and recreation department, were under the greatest threat.

Will the economic projects scheduled for this and subsequent years mean that the City of Wayne is no longer in the danger zone? Will it spell the end of a period of economic stagnancy and signify one of increased vitality?

In the end, only time will tell. In the meantime, city officials should exercise smart, cautious spending to ensure they are prepared for whatever the future may hold.

plaints. But, Annie persevered.

It is with immense pleasure, I share with you, that my daughter, Anastasia Nora Lee Stanecki, has become the very first Stanecki to graduate from college.

She walked across the stage at Oakland University and in reaching the other side, had accomplished perhaps the most difficult challenge of her life.

It didn't come easy, but she'd proved, perseverance pays.

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Goodfellow coordinator expresses thanks

To the editor;

Another year has been successfully completed.

As program coordinator for the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows, I personally would like to take this opportunity to send a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the program for 2003.

During the past several months, the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows were able to make this Christmas brighter for more than 150 local families and 348 children. This would not have been possible without the generous donations and support from the local residents, the business community and Van Buren Public Schools.

To all the senior citizens who hold classes in the craft room and dining room, a special thanks for allowing us to use the rooms again for toys and food.

Thanks to Linda Combs, senior director and staff for help in compiling the names, Bill Walters from Stoney Creek Motor Sports, Bob Hall, Randy Brown and John Colletta for picking up the food. Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 283, Aaron Gage, Dave Cushing Kevin Karjala, Pam Ewer and Kay Robson for their help in sorting and re-boxing the food. A special thanks to Greg and Gina Drake (The Drake Team) for the use of their truck to help haul the toys we purchased through your donations at Meijer. A special thanks to Dave Cushing, Candace and Mike Myshock and daughters, Melanie and Noel, for their help in shopping for the toys on Dec. 7.

On Dec. 13, we were able to distribute the food and toys with the help of Dave Cushing, Candace and Melanie Myshock, Aaron and Bill Gage, Allen Smolen, Acting Director of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department Lt. Ken Brooks and Ofc. Roy Schroeder

of the Van Buren Township Police Department. A special thanks to the 34th District Court for allowing the community service workers once again assist with the program.

All your help was greatly appreciated and it is friends like these that work together to make this program a success and to make sure that there is "No Child Without a Christmas."

May this coming year be a time of peace and prosperity for you and your families.

Pam Fleming,
Program Coordinator
Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows

Rewards

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together, cried together, built memories together.

The months turned into a year. Tired of waitressing, Annie wanted a bartender's job. It was less combat and more pay. In the spare time she had, she taught herself how to make the drinks of the day. After several rejections, she finally got the chance to prove herself as a bartender. She did it well.

A few years ago, Annie called and asked if she could move back home. She wanted to finish college and felt she could focus better, save some money and learn how to manage it better at home. I said sure.

Surprisingly, my daughter came home with more spirituality then when she'd left. An amazing feat, considering she was in place where spirituality takes a distant fifth to the wild life of booze, drugs and lots of money.

Annie not only persevered, she was getting closer to the woman she wanted to be.

School has never been easy for any Stanecki, but Annie plowed ahead like a stubborn mule. There were times of great anguish, and moments of joy, tears, laughter and always, com-

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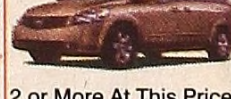
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Property tax hearings set

Scott Spielman
Editor

Property owners who are delinquent on their taxes can make one final pitch to Wayne County officials next week before a court decides whether to foreclose on their property.

Robert J. Grden, deputy Wayne County treasurer, said the county would host an Administrative Show Cause Hearing at 9 a.m. on Jan. 13. The hearing begins at 9 a.m. at the International Center, 400 Monroe St., suite 320 in Detroit.

The hearing is the last one before Feb. 25, when the Wayne County Circuit Court will review a petition submitted by Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz to foreclose on more than 11,000 parcels of land whose real property taxes have remained unpaid for two or more years.

If the court approved the petition, the property will be owned by Wayne County, and subject to be sold at public auction.

"The Wayne County Treasurer does not want to see anyone lose their property due to the failure to pay their taxes," said Grden.

The county does want its money, though.

The hearing concerns real property taxes that have been delinquent since 2001 or earlier, according to Grden. It will allow people whose property is scheduled for foreclosure a chance to explain to the treasurer why the court should not foreclose on the

property for unpaid taxes, to allow people who qualify for a substantial financial hardship to obtain a one-year extension to pay their taxes and to let them know that taxes are otherwise due on March 1, 2004 and if they are not paid the property may be sold at auction, according to Grden.

The process is a relatively expedited one, according to other public officials. In the past, it has taken more than five years for a municipality or other interested person to purchase tax-delinquent property. Public Act 123 of 1999 changed that and established the two-year deadline, however.

Payments can be made at the fifth floor of the Wayne County Treasurer's office. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Cashier checks or money orders are the only acceptable form of payment for delinquent taxes, Grden added.

For more information on the hearing, call the hotline at (313) 224-6105.

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SPORTS



The Plymouth Whalers lost only their second game in two years to the Saginaw Spirit Sunday afternoon. The loss dropped them to second place in the West division.

Whalers fall in Saginaw, 4-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After a strong performance and win against the Guelph Storm on Saturday, the Plymouth Whalers back peddled Sunday and fell against the Saginaw Spirit, 4-1.

The Spirit out-shot the Whalers 45-28 in the loss. Plymouth's goaltender Ryan Nie faced 37 shots in the final two periods alone.

Saginaw was on the board first with a goal from Patrick Asselin in the first period. Tom Pyatt and Steve Dix assisted. Whalers' captain Ryan Ramsay tied the score, 1-1, in the final minutes of the first. John Mitchell and John Vigilante earned the assists on the only goal for the Whalers.

Nick Lees scored a short-handed and unassisted goal in the second period to put the Spirit up 2-1. Asselin and Georgi Misharin each scored a goal in the

third period to put the game away at 4-1.

The Whalers slid to 17-12-8-3 for the season and dropped to second place in the West division behind the Sarnia Sting. Saginaw remains at the bottom of the West with a 10-25-2-3 record. They are 20 points behind the Whalers in the standings.

Whalers 3, Storm 2

There were clearer skies around the Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday night when Plymouth held onto a three-goal lead to put away the visiting Guelph Storm, 3-2. Whalers' goaltender Paul Drew had another outstanding performance - he stopped 42 shots to secure the victory.

Mitchell scored the only goal in the first period to put the Whalers on top, 1-0. Tim Sestito and Erik Lundmark earned assists on the score.

Plymouth rallied in the second and added two

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Mustangs crushed by Maples, beat Lakers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs varsity basketball team closed out the year with a split tournament hosted by Dexter on Dec. 29-30.

They first mounted up against a mighty Adrian Maples team, where they were bucked 60-35 in the first round of play last Monday.

"We did not play good defense," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "We gave up a lot of easy lay-ups early and it cost us late. If you don't play solid, fundamental defense you won't win."

The Mustangs kept the first quarter close with a 14-17 score but fell behind when they only put up four points in the second compared to Adrian's 12. The Maples lead 29-18 at the half.

The third quarter proved to be just as brutal for Northville. They only added six points to their total and the Maples scored another 14 points to extend their lead to 43-24. The Mustangs knocked in 11 points in the final quarter but it wasn't enough. Adrian nailed another 17 in the fourth to walk away with the victory.

Adrian went on to win the over-

all tournament.

"I guess if you're going to lose, you should lose to the best," Schumacher said.

Senior Mark Sorenson led Northville with 10 points. Senior Brett Asher added nine, and junior Marcus Davis put in six for the team.

Northville didn't scoop up many rebounds in the game, which allowed Adrian's Jason Skaggs and Matt Frost free reign under the net, according to Schumacher. Skaggs nailed 17 points and Frost put in 14 for their team.

The Mustangs bounced back on the second day of the tournament where they trampled the Dearborn Advanced Technological Academy Lakers 79-30.

Schumacher turned the defense around with a pre-game pep talk.

"We had a discussion before the game about what it takes to win in our league," he said. "It came down to we have to play hard-nosed defense. We need to get turnovers and rebounds and run with them."

Northville jumped ahead with a 24-6 lead in the first quarter and

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Whalers

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more goals to take a 3-0 lead at the 8:29 mark. Ramsay scored first, his 16th goal of the season, just over a minute into the period. Vigilante and Dan Collins assisted on the play. Sestito scored the third Plymouth goal off of an assist from Mike Letizia.

The Storm didn't die down, though. They scored two quick goals at the end of the second period and narrowed the gap 3-2. Matt Ryan scored short-handed, with help from Martin St. Pierre and Daniel Girardi, to put the Storm on the board 10:50 into the second. Ryan Card added another score for Guelph on a power play. Girardi and Brett Trudell notched the assists to help bring their team to within one.

The Storm out-shot the Whalers

12-8 in the third period but couldn't get anything past Drew and the game ended with a 3-2 victory for Plymouth.

Whalers 3, Attack 3

Whalers tied their eighth game of the year when they took on the Owen Sound Attack on New Years Day. Ramsay scored on a power play midway through the third period to tie the game 3-3 and forced an overtime period.

Drew stopped 41 shots in the game including eight in the extra period where the Attack out-shot the Whalers 8-2. Plymouth only fired 18 shots the entire game. The Attack took a quick lead in the first period when Patrick Jarrett scored two goals. The first assault came at the 3:38 mark where he was able to put the puck past Drew. Andre Deveau and Tyson Gimblett earned the assist in the goal. Jarrett scored again, this time unassisted, at 12:10 to put his team

up 2-0.

It didn't take the Whalers long to retaliate in the second period. Vigilante put Plymouth on the board just 46 seconds in to the period with assists going to Letizia and Collins. Sestito knotted the score 2-2 with a goal at 10:19 into the second. Mitchell and Nick Vernelli recorded the assists.

Andrew Maksym scored the Attack's third goal off of a power play. With one second left in the hooking penalty to Sean Thompson, Maksym put the puck past Drew to give his team a 3-2 lead to take into the third period. Pavel Voroshin and Jarrett notched the assists for Owen Sound.

The Attack's Jonathan Lehun was sent to the box for interfering with the goaltender, which gave Plymouth a one-man advantage. Ramsay received a pass from Sestito and buried the puck in Owen Sound's net to tie the score.

The overtime period went scoreless to end the game 3-3.

The tie was the Whalers' second straight and the eighth of the season, which, incidentally, ties them with the Barrie Colts for the most ties this season.

Whalers 1, Spitfires 1

The Plymouth Whalers tied, 1-1, in their final game of 2003 when they faced off against cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires on Monday Dec. 29. Goalies played well at both ends of the ice where Drew stopped 32 shots on net for the Whalers. Matt Anthony steered away 27 at the opposite end.

Windsor out-shot Plymouth 10-6 in the first period but the goalies kept the scoreboard blank.

Both teams picked it up a notch in the second period and Ramsay scored his 14th goal of the season when he beat Anthony from a bad angle at 13:01 in the second period. Jonas Fiedler and Richard Power

earned assists on the play.

Three and a half minutes later, Lain McPhee took a pass from Craig Kennedy in front of the Whaler's net and knocked it past Drew to tie the game 1-1. John Scott Dickson recorded the other assist for the Spitfires. Windsor out-shot the Whalers, 8-5, in the period.

Windsor also out-shot the Whalers 15-11 in the third period but regulation play ended in a 1-1 tie. Shots on net were reduced to 3-1 in overtime with the advantage going to Windsor again. Drew saved the day and allowed the Whalers to walk away with a tie. Both teams earned a point in the standings.

The Whalers hope to collar the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on the road tomorrow night and they will return home to the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth on Saturday to play Kingston.

Mustangs

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continued their strong play to end the half with a 47-14 lead. They continued to dominate in the second half and extended their lead to 63-27 in the third. They held the Lakers to only three points in the fourth to bring home the 79-30 triumph.

Chris Oakland led Northville's effort with 13 points and Asher added 12 in the lopsided win. Mike Jameson nailed 10 and Alan Shanoski and JD Gerblick each contributed with nine points.

"The nice thing was, we were

able to spread the wealth and got contributions from a lot of players," Schumacher said. "We were able to try different things and I really liked the way we played."

Other players that found their way into the line-up were Tim Downing, Ryan Hillock and Oussama El-Saadi.

Schumacher said Downing played a strong defensive game and is gaining notoriety for his improving defensive efforts. Hillock scored four points in the fourth quarter, which equaled a quarter of the team's points in that quarter, according to Schumacher.

He also said El-Saadi stepped in at point guard and did a great

job of controlling the tempo of the game.

The Mustangs played a tough Novi team on Tuesday but the results were not available for this edition.

They will go on the road to play neighboring rivals the Canton Chiefs tomorrow night.

"They have good size and have some good athletes," Schumacher said. "We're going to have to get them to play a different style of game than they usually do in order to win."

"Now that league play has started it gets tougher. If we can keep spreading the wealth we will be all right."

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RUFFOLO, Alice May

Alice May Ruffolo, 71, of Romulus, died Dec. 25.

Among her survivors are her husband, Benedetto R. "Bennie" Ruffolo; daughters, Susan (James) Evitts of Romulus and Deborah Ruffolo of Woodhaven; sons, Samuel J. (Catherine) Ruffolo and Dominic C. (Ann) Ruffolo, all of New Boston; brothers, Otto Stenke of Belleville, Fred (LaVerne) Stenke of Wolverine and George (Josephine) Stenke of Virginia Beach, VA; sisters, Mary Hildebrandt of Lincoln Park, Pauline Proctor of Manton, Bertha Vaughan of Dearborn, Dorothy Bond of Romulus and Gertrude Stenke of Benton Harbor, and 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Ruffolo was a substitute teacher for St. Stephens Catholic School and a member of the Romulus VFW Auxiliary.

Funeral services were at St. Stephens Catholic Church where Mrs. Ruffolo was a member with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

WALTERS, Dolores Ruth

Dolores Ruth Walters, 72, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 26.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Sheryl (Steven) Saginaw of Bloomfield Hills; a stepson, Thomas (Debra) Walters of Brighton; siblings, Betty Baldwin of Pinckney, Richard (Rosie) Wakefield and Alan (Nancy) Wakefield; four grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

Mrs. Walters was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

KLIEWER, Renetta Elsie

Renetta Elsie Kliewer, 89, of Detroit, died Dec. 26.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Anita K. Parsons of Belleville and Dolores J. Matson of Ludington; three nephews; a niece; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Victor F. Halboth officiating.

Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

ATCHINSON, Merle Irene

Mele Irene Atchinson, 89, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Belleville, died Dec. 28.

Among her survivors are her children, Kurt L. (Jayne) Atchinson and Jill L. (Wally) Atchinson of Ypsilanti; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Atchinson was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, the AAUIW of Vero Beach FLA, the Women's Club of Plymouth and the Vivian's Elks, 1780.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Raymond H. Buxon officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

WILSON, Terry Richard

Terry Richard Wilson, 66, a 25-year resident of Van Buren Township, died Dec. 28.

Among his survivors are his wife of 26 years, Charlotte L. "Charlie" (Swim) Wilson; children Vincent (Trish) Wilson of Taylor, Jeffrey (Ruth) Wilson of Melvindale; stepchildren, Barley (Celeste) Maronen of Ann Arbor and Jesse (Barbara) Maronen of Grosse Ile; step-brother, Butch (Shirley) Roberts; step-sister Marie Hawkins; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Belleville Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne McKenney officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

GOORMASTIC, Joseph Junior

Joseph Junior Goormastic, 71, of Romulus, died Dec. 22.

Among is survivors is his wife, Nadine; children, Thomas and Terry Stouse; a sister, Betty Jane Haute; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

ANDERSON, Rosabelle B.

Rosabelle B. (Rosey) Anderson, 83, of Romulus, died Dec. 31.

Among her survivors is her husband, Wilford; children, Sharon Anderson, Connie (Russ) Champagne, Marilyn (Rich) Grunwald, Frank Anderson and Denise (Daniel) Maldonado; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, and a brother, Herman Smith.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

ALBIN, Betty Sue

Betty Sue Albin, 70, of Belleville, died Dec. 31.

Among her survivors are her husband, Kenneth; children, Brenda (Gerald Jr.) Anderson, Donna (Greg) Whorton, Charles (Paula) Ferguson, Teresa (Tommy Etheridge) Ferguson, Larry (Janette) Ferguson, Patsy McDonald, Carol Albin, Guy Albin and Mark Albin; 22 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial

Park.

KRUEGER, Catherine G.

Catherine G. Krueger, 96, formerly of Wayne, died Dec. 25.

Among her survivors are her children, Karen (Bill) Wallace, Thea (John) Lents, Tim (Charlene) Krueger and Bruce (Lisette) Krueger; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was at First Congregational Church of Wayne with the Rev. Rob Joy officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

Charter Township of Van Buren Community Development Block Grant Use of Funds

On December 2, 2003, at the 7:30 p.m. regularly scheduled Van Buren Township Board of Trustees Board Meeting, within the guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the following program change was proposed for the use of the Township's 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant Funds. The nature of the program is to give priority to assisting those activities which further the national objectives: 1) benefit low and moderate income people, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or 3) meet other urgent community development needs. The meeting took place at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. The following project changes were approved:

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Total amount of change \$93,867.00

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Charter Township of Van Buren

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An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to amend the following:

ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 4.14 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES.

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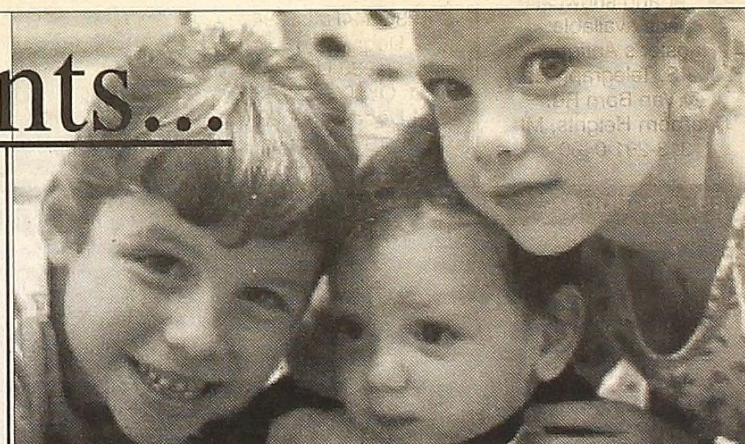
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4. Monuments & Cemetery Lots

Michigan Memorial Park 6
Plots \$1000, Each call 734-
941-3090.

32. Help Wanted

William D. Ford
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open as follows,
Teacher assistant
for auto-tech,
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closes Jan 8, 2004
For information
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59. Auctions

Notice of Public
Sale, pursuant to
State Law, a sale will
be held on
January 20, 2004 on
the contents of the
following units; at 1 p.m.
C 1-7 = Christine
Hendershott= Lawn
mower,
car parts, Boxes
C 1-20 = Lance Hawkins=
boxes, bags, box spring,
mattress, lamp, tool box
C 2-3 = Sandra Wynn=
furniture, boxes, bags
C2-10 = Scott Schmidt=
boxes, tools, generator,

34. Specialized Services

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57. Antiques

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E-18= Susan Tkachuk=
boxes, crib, chairs
E-32= Microlite
Technologies= boxes,
tools, furniture, desk.
F-11= Products cleaning=
microwave, shelves, miter-
box, goose decoys,
fishing poles.
I-35= Andrea Hancock=
boxes,
furniture.
J-30= James Lewis=
boxes,
furniture.
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STORAGE
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Canton, MI, 48187
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AUTO AUCTION

On January 17, 2004, the
Van Buren Township Police
Department will conduct a
public auction of impound-
ed and abandoned vehi-
cles. The auction will begin
at 10:00 a.m. at J & T
Towing and Storage, 237
Industrial Drive in Belleville,
MI, County of Wayne,
where the following will be
offered for sale to the high-
est bidder.

1993 Toyota
2T1AE09E2PC007598
4 Door - 44-988-03
1989 Ford
1FABP52UXKG227150
4 Door - 44-992-03
1990 Plymouth
4P3CS44RXLE094224
2 Door - 44-1002-03
1980 Lincoln
OY90G622243
4 Door - 44-1003-03
1987 Pontiac
1G2JD11K6H757628
2 Door - 44-1057-03
1997 Chrysler
2C3HD56F4VH586984
4 Door - 44-1058-03
1983 Ford
1FDEE14G0DHB64629
Van - 44-1059-03
1987 Ford
1FBJS31H2HHB10540
Van - 44-1060-03
1988 Mercury
2MEBM75F5JX636255
4 Door - 44-1068-03
1992 Mercury
MECM5348NG620539
4 Door - 44-1084-03
1989 Ford
1ZVBT20C0K5303028
2 Door - 44-1085-03
1995 Dodge
1B3ES47C0SD315319
4 Door - 44-1086-03

1988 Chrysler
1C3BT56E9JC112610
4 Door - 44-1090-03
1984 Mercury
2MEBP95F1EX636777
4 Door - 44-1092-03
1993 Ford
1FMDA31X5PZA11198
Truck - 44-1109-03
1989 Mercury
2MEBM75F6KX642311
4 Door - 44-1110-03
1989 Plymouth
2P4FH25K1KR256869
Van - 44-1111-03
1984 Cadillac
1G6AM6989E9072972
4 Door - 44-1114-03
1995 Buick
1G4GD2211S4741026
2 Door - 44-1117-03
1987 Toyota
JT3FJ60G3H1138195
4 Door - 44-1142-03
1989 Toyota
JT2EL31D2K0368854
4 Door - 44-1194-03
1991 Ford
1FAPP11J3MW349850
2 Door - 44-1195-03
1999 Chrysler
2C3HD46JXXH660040
4 Door - 44-1200-03
1993 Ford
1FACP52U1PG133105
4 Door - 44-1209-03
1995 Ford
1FALP62W2SH189743
2 Door - 44-1214-03
1994 Ford
3FARP15J2RR100548
SW - 44-1244-03
1989 Ford
1FDEE14N3KHA52984
Van - 44-1250-03
1995 Dodge
1B3ES67C2SD597846
4 Door - 44-1255-03
1990 Ford
1FACP57U0LG136192
4 Door - 44-1295-03
1997 Mercury
1MELM50U8SA641698
4 Door - 44-1296-03
1997 Acura
JH4DC4347VS001817
2 Door - 44-1297-03
1991 Ford
1FAPP1282MW383533

2 Door - 44-1301-03
1988 Plymouth
2P4FH25K2LR569723
SW - 44-1318-03
1976 Imperial
MC2023730278
WC - 44-1323-03
1989 Plymouth
2P4FH55J7KR272678
Van - 44-1326-03
1989 Ford
1ZVBT20C4K5143543
2 Door - 44-1348-03
1981 Ford
1FABP15B6BF244360
2 Door - 44-1363-03
1995 Ford
1FALP62W0SH110764
2 Door - 44-1368-03
1988 Honda
1HGCA553JA181535
4 Door - 44-1369-03

Due to unknown owner-
ship, 30-day notice is
given that on February 28,
2004, the vehicle listed
below will be auctioned at
J & T Towing.

1995 Toyota
4TAVN13D4SZ329404
PU - 44-993-03

Upon completion, the auc-
tion will move to The Van
Buren Township Hall,
46425 Tyler Rd. Belleville,
MI, County of Wayne.
where the following
decommissioned Van
Buren Township DPW pick
up trucks will be offered
for sale to the highest bid-
der.

1988 GMC Sierra
Crew Cab 2500
Starting Bid \$500.00
1991 GMC Sonoma
4 X 4
Starting Bid \$200.00
1993 GMC Sierra
2500 4 X 4
Starting Bid \$500.00

Titles for these trucks, post
sale, will be available to
Great Lakes Towing and

Storage, 42350 Van Born
Road Belleville, MI, County
of Wayne, where the fol-
lowing vehicles will be
offered for sale to the high-
est bidder.

1992 Ford
1FMDA31U0NZB24947
Van - 44-990-03
1991 Ford
1FAPP36X0MK123765
4 Door - 44-997-03
1991 Dodge
1B3XA46K5MF687749
4 Door - 44-1005-03
1988 Chrysler
1C3BF66P3JW150198
4 Door - 44-1008-03
1989 Pontiac
KL2TN2168KB349012
2 Door - 44-1015-03
1987 Chevrolet
1G1AW51W3H6184323
4 Door - 44-1017-03
1990 Lincoln
1LNCM81F1LY753802
4 Door - 44-1046-03
1996 Ford
1FMCU24X6TUB79013
SW - 44-1052-03
1990 Pontiac
1G2NE14D2LC309583
2 Door - 44-1054-03
1991 Chevrolet
2GCEK19K7M1135061
PU - 44-1066-03
1998 Plymouth
1P3ES42C1WD522992
2 Door - 44-1076-03
1991 Ford
1FMDU34X5MUB97935
PU - 44-1077-03
1992 Plymouth
4P3CS44R7NE010136

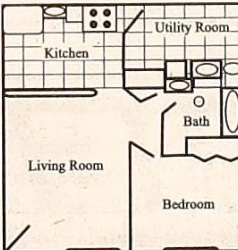
61. Misc. Items

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1994 Plymouth
1P3AP28K3RN194136
4 Door - 44-1079-03
1987 Cadillac
1G6CD1182H4275596
2 Door - 44-1096-03
1992 Chevrolet
1G1JC84TXN7198169
SW - 44-1100-03
1987 Buick
1G4GM11A5HP411652
2 Door - 44-1116-03
2001 Ford
3FAPP31331R125405
2 Door - 44-1119-03
1989 Ford
1FAPP989XKT132739
4 Door - 44-1121-03
2000 Ford
3FAPP13P2YR229723
4 Door - 44-1133-03
1996 Dodge
1B3ES47C4TD509482
4 Door - 44-1138-03
1988 Mazda
JM1GD2229J1572919
4 Door - 44-1139-03
1993 Isuzu
JACCG07L3P9801258
2 Door - 44-1166-03
1987 Dodge
1B3BG26P2HX732459
4 Door - 44-1175-03
2002 Dodge
1B3EL46X92N310809
4 Door - 44-1176-03
2000 Ford
1FAPP33P4YW194773
4 Door - 44-1177-03
1993 Chevrolet
1GCCS14R4P0122747
PU - 44-1183-03
1989 Buick
1G4AH51N0KT477495

4 Door - 44-1186-03
1997 Chrysler
3C3EL55H4VT508284
2 Door - 44-1193-03
1996 Ford
1FTCR14U0TTA03666
PU - 44-1201-03
1987 Nissan
JN6ND11S4HW040796
PU - 44-1215-03
1986 Dodge
2B7GB13T9GK573394
PU - 44-1224-03
1984 Chrysler
1C3BF66P7EX532041
4 Door - 44-1230-03
1977 Chevrolet
1D29U7B551180
4 Door - 44-1231-03
1992 Buick
2G4WB54LON1498455
4 Door - 44-1232-03
1985 Lincoln
1LNBP96F3FY607262
4 Door - 44-1254-03
1993 Plymouth
1P3XP6435PN562524
2 Door - 44-1312-03
1989 Chevrolet
1G1LV14W4KY280795
2 Door - 44-1315-03
1994 Ford
1FALP52U8RG190081
4 Door - 44-1316-03
1988 Ford
1FAPP36XJK105656
4 Door - 44-1317-03
1994 Mercury
1MEPM36X7RK607148
4 Door - 44-1333-03
1992 Ford
1FTEF15Y1NLA97627
PU - 44-1339-03
1986 Mercury
1MEBP9236GH639719

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1994 Ford
1FTDF15Y8RNA84945
PU - 44-1345-03
1993 Ford
1FAPP15J1PW321365
SW - 44-1351-03

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published:
January 8, 2004

60. Misc. Sales

Firewood For Sale
Split Mixed Hardwood
\$40 a face cord
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25085 Sumpter, Belleville

T.V. Stand, Solid teak, light cherry stain, 31.5" wide, 18" deep, 27" high, with side storage, front storage with glass doors, and swivel top. \$100 Call 734-414-0291

61. Misc. Items

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96. Houses For Rent

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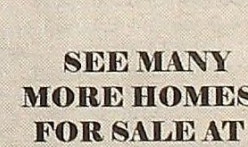
PLYMOUTH W/ACRAGE

9375 Beck
Ranch in a cntry setting, htd pool, 4 brs, 3 bths, walk out deck, 1.72 acres. WOW!!
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Huron Valley
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OPEN HOUSE

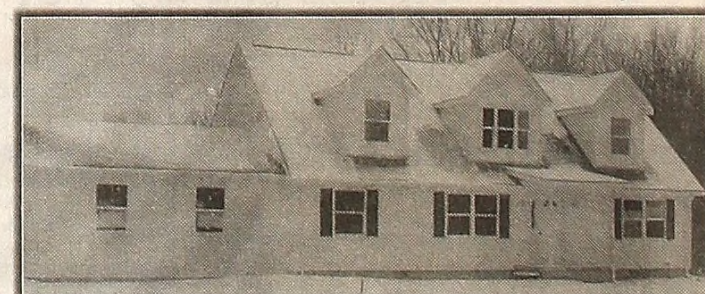
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WESTLAND 3 bed, near school, fenced yard \$635
WESTLAND 3 bed, basement, remodeled, option to buy \$645 MANY OTHERS AVAILABLE
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106. Houses For Sale
OPEN HOUSE
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